NINETY-FOURTH YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1902.

On Trains, Three Cents. Outside St. Louis, Two Cents.

## JOHN H. HOLMES PUSHED FROM CAR

Conductor on Cass Avenue Division Resents Remonstrance by Humane Society Secretary.

INCIDENT DELAYED TRAFFIC.

Conductor Had Seized Caps of Two Boys Who Were Stealing Ride and Refused to Return Them.

John H. Holmes, grand keeper of the rec-ords and seal of the Knights of Pythias and secretary of the Humane Society of Missouri, complained to the Transit Company yesterday that, because he mildly remonstrated with a Cass avenue car conductor, who had seized the caps of two urchins who were stealing a ride, forcing them to run behind the car for several squares, he was pushed from the car with such force that he was thrown to the ground at the corner of Sixth and Olive streets yesterday morning.

The incident delayed traffic at the corner. The motorman of a Spring avenue car that had been delayed, Mr. Holmes declares, became abusive, and with oaths called to the conductor of the Cass avenue car to use the controller on him.

At the time the name of the conductor could not be ascertained, but Mr. Holmes says he wore badge No. 2525. On the Transit Company roster Conductor George B. Synette is given as the name of the wearer

"I first saw the boys," said Mr. Holmes, "running after the car after I had boarded it at Sixth and Washington, on the way to my office. Instead of paying attention to the passengers who were getting on and off, the conductor was hitting at the boys, who were begging for the return of their hats. A woman was nearly thrown to the ground, as she was alighting at the corner of Sixth and Locust streets, by carelessness in starting the car. I went to the rear platform, after seeing the narrow escape the lady had from injury, and spoke to the ecuductor, saying:

"Why don't you give the boys their 'You mind your business and I'll mind

"He, however, threw one of them to the ground. Upon my request that he return the other cap, he replied with an oath and grabbed me by the shoulder. I reached for the cap he was stil holding in his hand, and during the struggle his own cap was knocked from his head, falling in the street.

"One of the urchins put it on and started to run. This seemed to anger him and with a shove, he pushed me from the car."

Mr. Holmes was assisted to his feet by several friends, who had witnessed the assault. The delay caused a blockade of the cars, as traffic was very heavy, it being shortly before \$ 6 clock. The motormen of the delayed cars became angry, the expressions used by one of them. Mr. Holmes occlares, being particularly vile.

Later in the day, according to the printed instructions posted in the cars, Mr. Holmes registered a complaint at the office of the Transit Company.

#### C. J. McCLEAN'S BODY FOUND. Drifted Upon Buzzard's Island OLD OIL CONDUIT Near Ste. Genevieve Thursday.

The body of Charles J. McClean, Jr., 19 years old, son of Charles J. McClean of No. 2508 Vernon avenue, who was drowned in the river North of the Eads bridge November 29, 1901, was found east up on Buzzard's Island, near Ste. Genevieve, yesterday, and will be brought back to St. Louis for burial

ing McClean's clothes were found or the river bank at the foot of Dickson street the river bank at the foot of Dickson street last November, after he had disappeared, and it was supposed that he was drowned. Circular letters describing him and calling for information that might lead to the re-covery of the body were sent out. Nothing was heard until Mr. McClean re-ceived a telegram Thursday saying that a body corresponding to the description of young McClean had been found at Ste. Gene-vieve.

Mr. McClean, accompanied by Alexander McClean, went to Ste. Genevieve yesterday, found the body in a good state of preservation and positively identified it as the young man who was drowned here November 29.

Services will be held at St. Rose's Church and the burial will be in Calvary Cemetery Sunday.

#### MRS. BRENNAN'S FUNERAL Father Ziegler of St. Malachy's to

Preach the Sermon.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Brennan mother of the Reverend Martin S. Brenns: of St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church, who died Thursday morning, will take place this Thursday morning, will take place this morning at 9 o'clock from St. Lawrence O'Toole's Church to Caivary Cememtery. Mrs. Brennan died at the parochial residence. No. 1414 O'Falion street.

The Reverend Father Daiton of Kansas City will celebrate requiem high mass, and the Reverend Father Ziegier of St. Malachi's Parish will preach the sermon. The palibearers will be Martin S. Brennan, Andiew Hoolan, John J. Brennan, John B. Sheehan, Michael Sheehan, James O'Brien, William Boyd and Professor Hemm.

Mrs. Brennan was 86 years old. She was the widow of William C. Brennan, who died twenty-five years ago.

#### MRS. BLAIR FORMS NEW CLASS. Will Teach Pupils of Social Settle

ment League

Mrs. James L. Blair, in her efforts to make the study of music popular, added another class for the study of music last night, other class for the study of music last night, when she organized the Friday night class of the Social Settlement League at the Jewish Enducatioal and Charitable Association rooms, Ninth and Carr streets.

Mrs. Blair was introduced to the members of the league by Rabbi Loon Harrison. The system for the study of music as expounded by Mrs. Blair is different from that taught in the public schools. Instead of notes being taught as a. b. c. etc., they are known by numbers, as 1, 2, 3, to denote the difference in tones.

#### MRS. CLAUSEN WANTS DIVORCE. She Charges That Her Husband Threatened Her Life.

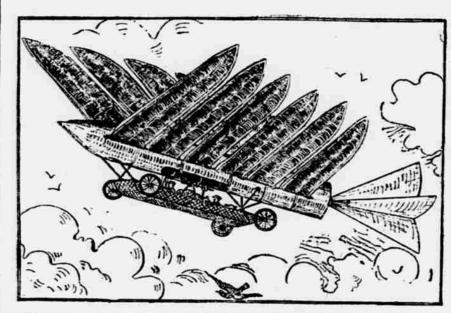
Bertha Clausen, whose husband, Henry W. Clausen, a South Side druggist, brought suit last Thursday to restrain her from wilt last Thursday to restrain her from disposing of more than \$7,000 in securities, which are in a safe deposit box, sued for divorce yesterday.

She charges that he bet on the horse races and threatened her life. She took care of the drug business, she states, while he studied medicine. They were married Au-gust 17, 1855, and sparated last Thursday.

# CHICAGO AIRSHIP COMPANY CHALLENGES SANTOS-DUMONT.

Proposed That Rules Similar to Those at the St. Louis Contests Belief That He Has Fled to Mex-Shall Govern the Competition-Race to Be a Preliminary to the Aerial Steeplechase at Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

SUCCESSFUL TEST OF FLYING BIRD AIRSHIP IS ANNOUNCED. MEYSENBURG TRIAL IS NEXT.



Entered in the airship contest by the Chicago Bird Flying Ship Company. The gas is stored in the aluminum cylinder. The wings or propellers are constructed of oiled silk. The car which carries the passengers is provided with wheels, which permits the ship to get a running start along the ground when it is desired to take a flight. ment for official entry in the great aeros-

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. an airship race in Chicago, to be held as a preliminary event to the \$300,000 aeriel steeplechase at the St. Louis World's Fair of 1903, was sent this evening to Santor-Dumont at Paris, France, by President Theophilus Williams of the Chicago Flying Bird Airship Company. Rules and regulations similar to those

that are to be the vogue at the St. Louis Fair Grounds will govern the contest. The race will be held above the Calume region, near South Chicago.

For the first time the announcement of the successful test of the Chicago flying bird airship was made to-day by President

In explaining at his factory in Austin avenue why he had applied to the managers of the St. Louis World's Fair for the rules and regulations to govern the world's aerial tournament, he disclosed much of the secret history of the airship experi-ments which rumor had it were begun on the West Side nearly a year ago, and have been kept up at intervals ever since. He asserted that within the last few weeks two extraordinarily successful tests of the airship have been made at midnight

in Humboldt Park, near Central boulevard-

tatic contest. The corporation does not divulge the secrets of its invention, except to say that it follows nature, as far as Theophilus Williams of Lindell & Wil-

liams, Chicago, is the president of the company. D. H. Daly is the treasurer and John H. Jessup manager. William C. Morgan and M. Hoslinger are the inventors and constructors. James Heckman is attorney for the company. The capital stock of the organization is given as \$25,000. Upon the reverse side of the business

card of the concern is the announcement that the next great step in inventive progress is navigation of the air. That the begirning of the last century was marked by the invention of steam propulsion by land and sea, is recalled. Then the card continues. "The grandchildren of those self-

FLYING BIRD SHIP TO ENTER. chincs, and incidentally the flying ship will be put in competition for the award of \$200,-The Chicago Flying Bird Ship Company 600 for the best flying machine at the has applied to the World's Fair manage- World's Fair at St. Louis in 1903."

BUYS 1,000,000 STAMPS. 2

Chicago, March 21 .- A record-break-

ing sale of postage stamps is report- ◆ ed by the Chicago Post Office. The ◆

sale was 1,000,000 stamps, for which

• the purchaser gave a check for \$25,- •

♦ 000. In one package were 500,000 4- ♦

• cent stamps and in another the same • number of 1-cent stamps. This is •

stamps in the history of the Chicago
 Post Office.

FLORISSANT MAYOR TO STAY

Office That Went Begging Is Ac-

cepted for Another Term.

Mayor Charles C. Craft of Florissant has

consented to run again for the office and

pretty little suburb. At a mass meeting held Thursday night Mr. Craft was unanimously renominated.

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The other candidates nominated at the meeting were George Smith and Herman Teigkamp, for Aidermen in the First Ward; Sidney R. Garrett, Alderman in the Second Ward, and Joseph Peters and Peter Barteau, Aldermen in the Third Ward.

Two conventions will be held in Kirkwood to-night. At the convention of the Progressive party, which will be held in Heinzleman's Hall, William L. Daly, the present Mayor, will be renominated. The Conservatives' convention will be held in the Armory Hall. The name of W. F. Warner has already been agreed upon for Mayor, and it is said that his name will be the only one presented.

PAPER IN BOY'S EAR.

When He Coughed, It Came Out

and His Deafness Was Cured.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Elwood, Ind., March 21.—Eight years ago

James, then but 3 years old, the son of

Noah Deshler, a well-to-do farmer living a

Noah Deshler, a well-to-do farmer living a mile and a half north of this city, suddenly became deaf in his right ear, and later it was noticed that the other ear was becoming affected. The parents spent several hundred dollars trying to relieve the child. This morning the boy was seized with a violent attack of coughing and immediately began to scream out with pain, saying to his mother: "There's something in my ear." Local remedies were applied, but, falling to his mother: "There's something in my ear." Local remedies were applied, but, falling to his mother: "There's something in my ear." Local remedies were applied, but, falling to his mother: "There's something in my ear." Local remedies were applied, but, falling to his mother: "There's something in my ear." Local remedies were applied, but, falling to his mother: "There's something in my ear." Local remedies were applied, but, falling to he a specialist here, who applied an anesthetic, and by the aid of a pair of forceps extracted a ball from the ear as large as a pea, which, on examination, proved to be a wad of paper, evidently the portion of a leaf of a copybook, such as is used in country schools, as on the crumpled paper when unrolled were the words. "Spencerian, Spiendid,"; and others not legible.

The little fellow's hearing was greatly improved immediately after the paper was withdrawn and the pain ceased. He could hear the ticking of a watch when held to the ear, and the physician believes the hearing will be fully restored.

FACE ON NEW STAMP.

That of Benjamin Harrison Will

Adorn 13-Cent Denomination.

Washington, March 21.- A new face will

appear upon one of the poseage stamps of a

series about to be printed by the Bureau

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

the largest individual purchase of •

2 ONE CHICAGO MAN

# LAW RESURRECTED

Comptroller Player Requests Payment of Annual Dues to the City for Privilege.

#### BILL PASSED 19 YEARS AGO.

Concession Granted on Condition That \$400 Be Paid Every Year by the Waters-Pierce Company.

The preliminary investigation inaugurated by the local Board of Equalization to ascertain what corporations are subject to the franchise tax has resulted in the discovery by President Phillips of the Board of Public Improvements of an ordinance, passed in 1883, whose compensation condition appears to have never been enforced. City records show about \$7,000 due the city for the special privilege granted by this ordinance. Comptroller Player yesterday wrote to the Waters-Pierce Oil Company and re-quested payment as prescribed in the spe-

quested payment as prescribed in the special law. This company was authorized on February 28, 1823, to lay a petroleum oll conduit in Gratiot street, from Fourteenth street to the river. For this privilege the company was to pay the city \$400 a year. Early this week Assessor O'Brien asked Mr. Phillips to prepare for the Board of Equalization a list of all conduit companies. While studying old ordinances for the purpose of establishing the conduit mileage Mr. Phillips came across the Waters Pierce ordinance, and he noticed the condition requiring an annual payment of \$400 for the privilege.

privilege.

The matter was brought to the attention of Comptroller Player, who had a clerk look through the books to learn how many payments had been made. To his surprise, he found no record of the payments. Therefore, he wrote to the company yesterday and requested that a check be sent for the full amount. The company will be granted an opportunity to prove that the conditions have been fulfilled. The ordinance is subject to amendment or repeal.

### CHILD DIES FROM POISONING.

Hannon Family Lose Four Children Under Odd Circumstances. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Paul, March IL-Tommy Hannon, 8 ears old, was found in a dying condition in the rear of his home, No. 1031 Minnehahs street, and in a few seconds died. A post mortem examination by Doctor Renz showed the presence of a strong irritant poison in the stomach, and further analysis of the stomach will be made. Three small children of the family died under similar circumstances last summer, and Coroner Miller says that he has placed the case in the hands of the police for examination.

### NO ROOM FOR THE COIN.

Over \$32,000,000 in Standard Dollars in Frisco Subtreasury. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

series about to be printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The stamp will be of the 13-cent denomination, and will have the face of former President Benjamin Harrison.

The question of a new series was discussed in the autumn, after the death of President McKinley, and the impression prevailed than that when the new series was published the portrait of McKinley would adorn one of the denominations. The department decided, instead, to place his portrait upon a new postal card of special design.

The cost of sending a registered letter weighing not more than one-half ounce is 13 cents. Heretofore it has been necessary to use an 5 and 5 cent stamp, and the creating of the 13-cent denomination will obviate this trouble. Visitors at Hot Springs.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hot Springs, Ark., March 21.—The following visitors registered at Mermod & Jaccard's Hot Springs branch to-day: G. A. Rockwell, Junction City; W. W. Watson, Salina; Major Torrey, U. S. A.; Major H. R. Henderson, U. S. A.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Henderson, U. S. A.; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stiles. Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Heavy that there are something the value of the San Francisco Subtressury.

# STILL IN HIDING

JOHN K. MURRELL

ico or Some Other Foreign Clime Grows.

Julius Lehmann and Henry Nicolaus Have Not Yet Appeared to Renew Their Bonds.

No trace of John K. Murrell, indicted for bribery, was obtained by Circuit Attorney Folk yesterday from the detectives work ing on the case. By degrees Mr. Folk and the authorities are coming to the opinion that Murrell fied to Mexico or some other country from which he cannot be extra

One of the private operatives who is employed on the case is still certain that he saw Murrell in St. Louis last Tuesday morning when he forfeited his bond in Judge Douglas's court, The detective declares he saw a man he believed to be Mur rell in the Peters shoe store at Thirteenth street and Washington avenue about II o'clock. He at once telephoned to Mr. Folk who hurried two Deputy Sheriffs over with a capias. When they reached the store the nan was gone, and they returned emptyhanded to the Four Courts.

Since then the operative has still insisted he saw Murrell. Chief Desmond yesterday morning had Adolph Mayne, a salesman for the shoe company, call at the Four Courts to find if he were not the man the operative mistook for Murrell. There is quite a resemblance, but the operative still insisted that it was not Mayne he saw, but Murrell. A peculiar feature of the case, too, i that Mayne lives next door to Murrell and knows him quite well. Mayne lives at No. 4160 Castleman avenue, while Murrell's homs at No. 4156 Castleman.

Mayne was closeted with Chief Desmond and Mr. Folk for half an hour, but he knew nothing of the whereabouts of the missing Murrell. Chief Desmond is preparing to send out several thousand circulars bear ing Murrell's picture and description to every Police Chief and Sheriff in the United States. There is a reward of \$500 for his a rest.
Julius Lehmann and Henry Nicolaus

whose bonds in the bribery cases have been raised by Judge Ryan, have not yet aptinues. "The grandchildren of those selfcame scoffers of steam power are alive today to scoff at aerial navigation; inside of
a few months they will line up among the
lucdest shouters of: 'I told you so.'

"The inventors of the flying ship initiate
tature as far as possible by adopting the
bird principle in construction. This comraty is incorporated and capitalized for the
purpose of assisting inventors in perfecting,
completing and manufacturing flying machines, and incidentally the flying ship will

The next bribery case to be called for trial is that of Emil A. Meysenburg, who is also under indictment in connection with the Suburban deal. His case will come up in Judge Douglas's court Monday.

#### CAPTAIN J. B. COGHLAN MAY REGAIN LOST NUMBERS.

If Restored to Place Lost by Inten perate Letter He May Become Rear Admiral.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Washington, March 21.—Captain Joseph B. Coghlan, who commanded the cruiser Ral-eigh during the battle of Manila Bay, may regain the numbers on the list of Captains in the navy which he lost some years ago as a result of writing an intemperate letter to a clerk in the Bureau of Navigation. He recently made application to the President for restoration to his old place on the navy list, and his friends are confident that fa-

list, and his friends are confident that favorable action will be taken.

The character of the letter Captain Coghian wrote to the department clerk was such that his court-martial was ordered, and he lost eleven numbers. For gallant conduct during the Spanish war he was advanced five numbers, leaving six numbers below his old place. These six numbers would make him the senior Captain and permit his promotion text month to the grade of Rear Admiral. The papers in the case are now before Secretary Long.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHAS. L. HOWARD. Public School Teachers Will Meet

to Honor Educator's Memory. To offer a tribute to the memory of Charles L. Howard, late principal of Co-

lumbia School, whose death occurred at Mullanphy Hospital, Monday, F. Louis Soldan, Superintendent of Instruction, has called a meeting of public-school principals and teachers, to be held at the Board of Education rooms this morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. C. L. Howard arrived last night from Colorado, where she has been with an invalid son, and is now at the residence of her brother, George H. Campbell, at No. 4008 Cook avenue. The funeral of her husband will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Church of the Unity, corner of Park and Armstrong avenues. The Reverend Edward Spencer will officiate.

The active pallbearers will be J. W. Hall, F. E. Woodruff, John J. Collins, Peter Herzog, Robert L. Barton, W. J. Hawkins, F. E. Bausch and William H. Bryan. The honorary pallbearers, E. H. Lang, George T. Murphy, F. Louis Soldan, John Schroers, C. M. Woodward, George P. Brown of Bloomington, Ill.; Charles McMurray of De Kalb, Ill., and John Cook of De Kalb, Ill. lumbia School, whose death occurred at

#### DIVIDED ON THE DOG QUESTION. Defeat Threatens Ferguson Alder-

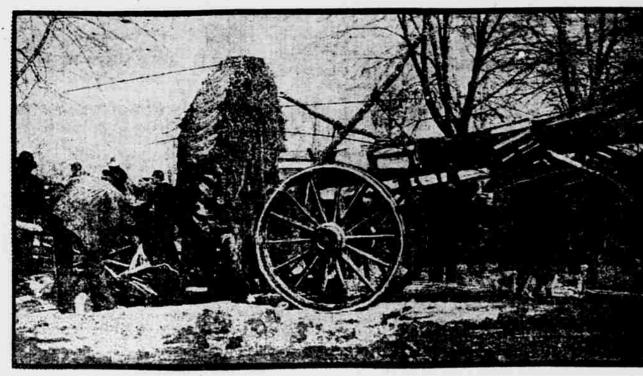
census has been ordered by Mayo

A dog census has been ordered by Mayor Fred A. Reid in Ferguson, and, as a result, four Aldermen are in danger of being defeated at the blennial election, to be held in that town Tuesday, April 1. The Aldermen whose municipal positions have been jeopardized are Thomas J. Tobin, Robert J. Becor, P. Camden Case and Emmet B. Thoroughman.

Ferguson elections have always been exciting, as there are usually three or four candidates for every position. This year a quiet campaign was expected. The Aldermen all announced themselves for re-election and no one came out against them. There was no prospect of a spirited campaign until one of the holdover Aldermen introduced a resolution providing that the dog license ordinance be strictly enforced.

Mayor Reid compiled with the resolution and ordered Marchal Graf to take a census of the canine population. This started a row. The average citizen of Perguson objects to paying taxes on a log. Mayor Reid says the ordinance will be enforced, however, and as a resuft the candidates have been asked to promise that they will vote for the repeal of the dog license tax. All the Aldermen say they favor the tax, as the town needs the money, but they do not want to express themselves publicly just now. They accuse the holdover Aldermen of starting the fight simply to make trouble for them. It s now said that the anti-dog license party will put a separate ticket in the field.

# SAVING THE TREES ON THE WORLD'S FAIR SITE.



WORKMEN ENGAGED IN TRANSPLANTING ONE OF THE LARGE MAPLE TREES ON THE SITE OF THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION.

# FIRE-PROTECTION BILL PLANTING TREES AROUSES COUNCIL

President Hornsby, Vice President Boyce and Captain Hodges Attack the Measure.

#### THEY ARGUE FOR SPRINKLERS.

mended Bill Goes to House of Delegates - Conforms With Present Law Except in Penalty Clause.

The measure known as the Tate bill, containing a section to amend the penalty clause of the building ordinance, and a section to eliminate the existing law, which requires installation of automatic sprinklers on theater stages, was made the object of a vigorous attack yesterday in the City Council. President Hornsby, Vice President Boyce and Captain Hodges delivered speeches against it, and the Council finally adopted amendments, submitted by Captain Hodges, that made the bill coincide with the present law, except in regard to the penalty clause, As amended, the bill was returned to the House of Delegates, where it was referred to the Committee on Legis-

lation. the fight was started by Captain Hodges, who protested that the bill, from all appearances, was inspired by theater managers and that the changes which it contemplated were not worthy of sanction by the

The Tate bill provided that the maximum penalty for infraction of any building law should be \$500. Instead of \$1,000. This provision was approved by Commissioner of Public Buildings Longfellow, for the reason that the reduction would bring the maximum penalty down to the maximum figure authorized by the City Charter. With this amendment he would be able to enforce the law

### What the Bill Provided.

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The bill provided for expurgation from the Municipal Code of the section requiring that theater stages shall be equipped with automatic sprinklers. It also provided, according to President Hornsby's interpretation, that the License Collector might issue theater licenses without a certificate from the Department of Public Buildings showing that the building law had been complied with, but prescribed that such a certificate would have to be produced for procurance of a license for any new theater,

License Collector Criticised. Captain Hodges criticised License Collec-tor Whyte for issuing theater licenses with-out demanding building certificates, and charged that managers of local theaters have attempted to evade the fire-protection

law.

President Hornsby invited Mr. Hoffman to the chair, and from the floor delivered a strong address against the bill. "I am surprised," he said "at the deplorable conditions which seem to axist in our theaters, and I think we should adopt Captain Hodges's amendments and compel managers to afford the public reasonable safety from fire. We are legislating, not for the theaters, but for the people.

President Hornsby's Denunciation. President Hornsby's Denunciation.

"The reports made by Mr. Longfellow's inspector astound me. I believe that the House of Delegates, after obtaining this same information, will be as anxious as the Council to change this bill. The bill proposes to do away with automatic sprinklers and two standpipes. These are the very things that are needed in theaters. And it proposes to permit theaters to get licenses without certificates from the Commissioner of Public Buildings that the fire-protection law has been obeyed. On the other hand, it provides that any new theater must produce this certificate to get a license.

a license.
"If I thought this bill was inspired by the "If I thought this bill was inspired by the theater managers I would call it the most brazen impertinence that I had ever heard of. Not only are we asked to legislate against sprinklers, but to create a monopoly for present theaters. I repeat this is im-

oly for present theaters. I repeat this is impertinence."

Vice President Boyce agreed with Messrs. Hornsby and Hodges. The Council adopted the Hodges amendments by a vote of 8 to 2 and the amended bill was passed unanimously. The Hodges amendments provide only for the reduction in penalty, otherwise leaving the law as it is.

Frank R. Tate, manager of the Columbia Theater, was present during the discussion, and he attended the meeting of the House of Delegates afterwards. He said the local theaters are well provided with apparatus to extinguish fires, and that statements made by Messrs. Hornsby, Boyce and Hodges are not warranted.

Bill May Be Killed.

It is thought the bill will die with the resion.

The bill to create the position of master mechanic in the Fire Department was reported favorably by the Committee on Municipal Affairs, but was recommitted on motion of Captain Hodges, Mr. Horton questioned the wisdom of increasing salaries or making new offices.

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#### SEARCH FOR MISSING ONES. Police Requested to Find Three

Lost Persons. Mrs. G. Fatal of No. 425 Erie avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y., has written the St. Louis police, requesting information of her daughter, Lennie, who left home three years ago

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Civil-Service Examinations.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, March 21.—The Civil-Service Commission announces that examinations will be held at 9 a. m., April 25. for the positions of cierk and carrier in the post offices in the following cities: Salina, Kas.; Natches, Miss., and Durange, Cale.

# **UNDER SEARCHLIGHTS**

Director Taylor Orders Men to Rush This Work on World's Fair Site.

Director of Works Taylor has issued orders to the engineers that the transplanting of trees on the World's Fair site must go forward by night, under the glare of powerful searchlights. Three shifts of eight men working eight hours each, are engaged in

Two traction engines, carrying 150 pounds of steam pressure to the square inch, rip the trees up by their roots from the soil and drag them on carriages to the excava-tions which have been dug to receive them along the Exposition boulevards. There the stately mapies are set upright and planted. The great weight of the trees, coupled with the short time allowed for the work. s proving troublesome to the contractors Several of the carriages used in the trans-planting have been mashed under the strain, although constructed of oak tim-bers. The tree mass forces the carriages into the bogsy ground across which they must be moved, the traction engine sinks of its own ponderous weight into the clay. Plank reads are now being laid across the mud flats for the transportation of the trees.

the task of moving 700 trees, each weigh

mud flats for the transportation of the trees.

Two sawmills are now located on the site. They will shape the timbers of the River des Peres channelway and the Varied Industries Building. Nearly all of the trees which have interfered with the foundations of this structure have been removed to their permanent places on the Exposition avenues. Staff shops of large proportions are being creeted by James Alexander near Lindell boulevard. Smith & Eastman are building staff shops near the Manufactures

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The railroads on the site are being pushed to all parts of the grounds. One north and south switch has reached the vicinity of the engineers' headquarters and is ready to be carried across the River des Peres channelway. Piles are being driven at another part of the channelway to carry across that stream a second switch, which will run to the Textiles and Machinery buildings. Between 500 and 800 men were working on the site yesterday.

#### TEXAS OIL INVADING THE EASTERN COAL FIELDS.

May Solve the Smoke-Nulsance Prob lem of St. Louis and Other Cities -Large Storage Tanks.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Beaumont, Tex., March 21.-One of the

most important discoveries in connection with the marketing of Beaumont oil is the fact that it can be shipped to Philadelphia, Pa., right into a cheap fuel country, and used profitably for making gas. In fact, the importance of this is so great that it has not yet been realized by many of the oil men. It means that Beaumont oil will ultimately become popular in all cities in the United States that can be reached by water, regardless of the present price of fuel in those cities. Furthermore, if oil can be used with profit for making gas, the oil itself may be used as fuel when applied with a scientifically constructed burner. It is known that the J. M. Guffey Peexperience at its head, is now preparing to put oil into the Atlantic Coast cities, regardless of the proximity of these cities to coal fields, and that the company expects to derive a good revenue from such busi-

It seems that the larger cities have been quicker to realize the value of Beaumont oil, and they are willing to pay more for it than can be had from interior towns. This has led the oil companies to look into the matter of water transportation, with the result that a large number of tank vessels are now being constructed, and ordinary steamers are being converted into tank

Some of the biggest oil companies in the field have announced that they will hereafter devote their energies to the shipping of oil by water rather than seek to supply the demand from nearby points.

The knowledge that oil may be sold at Philadelphia for more than it will bring in Texas makes it sure that the Beaumont cil will uitimately become the fuel of St. Louis and many other of the larger cities which may be reached with barge lines, for, besides the economy in its use, it does away with the smoke nuisance which many of the manufacturing cities have unsuccessfully combatted for years.

Storage tanks are being filled with oil as fast as they are completed, and the amount of oil now stored above ground is not far from 5,000,000 barrels. The bix carthen reservoirs, none of which will hold less than 100,000 barrels, are now taking oil, and the drain from Spindletop is enormous. leld have announced that they will here-

#### \* RUSSIAN GENERAL ACCUSED OF CONSPIRACY. :

Vienna, March 21.-The Tageblatt • the Russian General, Prince Varkoff, • who is attached to the staff of Grand Duke Sergius, on the charge of com-· plicity in the widespread revolution-· ary movement. E+++++++++++++++

# IOWA IN LINE FOR THE FAIR.

House Committee Recommends Appropriation of \$150,000.

Des Moines, Ia., March 21 .- The House Appropriations Committee to-day recommended for passage a bill appropriating \$150,000 for an Iowa exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to be held in St. Louis

# WILL PRESIDENT TREAT WITH POPE

Declines to Affirm or Deny That He Will Send Special Commission to Rome.

SECRETARY DENIES.

Rumored in Well-Informed Catho lic Circles in Washington That Such Is Roosevelt's Plan-Speculative Commissioners.

Washington, March 21.-The President declines to make either denial or confirmation of a statement that he intends to send to Rome a special commission to treat directly with the Pope concerning a settl ment of the question as to the real property in the Philippines owned by the friars. The atten-tion of the President was called to a cable dispatch from Rome published to-day, quoting the Pope as pleased by the announce-ment that the American Government woul-send a mission to Rome. The President again declined to make any commen Root, as the War Department is directly concerned in the settlement of questions concerning the friars and the legal status of religious orders in the Philippines

land-owners. "The report is not true," was Secretary "It is not true that the President will send

a commission to Rome?"
"No; the statement is incorrect."
It is surmised here that this report origby the President of sending to the Philip-pines a commission to investigate and make a special report upon the value and title of real property held by the order of Friars. But this plan is in suspense, because Mon-signor Sbaretti, the Papal Ablegate to the Philippines, is expected soon to make rep-resentations to the President and Secretary of War upon this subject. An official of the

State Department said to-day that a way could be devised of sending a mission to the Pope without recognizing the Valicius as a political entity.

PRESIDENT'S RUMORED PLANS. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, March 21.—In well-informed Catholic circles in this city it is reported. that the President purposes to send a com-mission to the Pope, such as is spoken of in the foregoing dispatch. And it has even been said that Governor Taft, Bishop O'German and Judge James Smith of Same Francisco have been chosen as three of the

four members of the commission. The commission will meet in Ro early a date as compatible with the health of its president, Governor Taft. Bishop of its president, Governor Taft. Bishop, O'Gorman sails for Rome on April 5 and, it is said, within a month from his arrival there the other members of the commission will have below the

sion will have joined him.

Governor Taft will, according to the report, not only be the president of the come mission, but in him will be vested the plen-ipotentiary power. Bishop O'Gorman and Judge Smith will be his counselors. The fourth member of the commission will act as its secretary.

Governor Taft is a Protestant. Bishop O'Gorman is Bishop of Sloux Falls and one of the most brilliant members of the Cath-olic episcopate of the United States. Judge James Smith is a Catholic and a lawyer of James Smith is a Cathone and was Colo-eminence in San Francisco. He was Colo-eminence in San Francisco. He was Coloserved with his regiment in the Philip-

#### MESSAGES OF DEATH MEET. Unusual Coincidence in Building Commissioner's Office.

At the same time yesterday afternoon Inspectors Brunk and Rolfes of the Despartment of Public Buildings, were notified of the death of relatives. The messages to both men came by telephone. The appointment of Mr. Rolfes as inspector was confirmed yesterday by Mayor Wells, and the bad news followed scon upon good news.

Mr. Rolfes was summoned, shortly after noon, to the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Angeline Rolfes, who lived at No. 4123. Louisiana avenue. He was told that she was at the point of death.

She died about 2:39 o'clock. At this time Mr. Brunk was summoned to the telephone to speak to some one at O'Fallon. II. He was notified that his father-in-haw, Vendilen Bender, had just expired.

Mr. Bender was 68 years old. He was well known in and around O'Fallon. He was a Civil War veteran and had been prominent in his town's affairs for many years. of the death of relatives. The messages to

Carter County Dates. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Van Buren, Mo., March 21.—The Democratic County Central Committee met here to-day, and ordered a mass meeting to be held at Van Buren, April 15, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State Convention at St. Joseph and the Judicial Convention at Springfield. The committee also ordered that a vote for United States Senator be allowed in the county primary to be held July 12.

Arrested on Murder Charge. John Elchinger, a young cooper, living at No. 381 Indiana avenue, was arrested yesterday atternoon by the police of the Second District on the charge of murder. It is alleged that he assuulted John Haaser, inflicting injuries from which he died at the Alexian Brothers' Hospital on March II. Coroner Funkhouser will reopen the inquest this morning and a therough install by made Blockinger decises the shared